

And the books shall at all times be open to the inspection of the official visitors of the institution, and of the General Assembly.

36. A tax of one and three-fourths cents on every one hundred dollars worth of land, and five and one-fourth cents on every taxable poll, shall be annually levied for the support of the asylum, and collected and paid into the public treasury as other taxes; and the same, with all other moneys belonging to the asylum, shall be kept in a separate account.

Tax laid for support of asylum, &c.

37. The governor, judges of the courts, attorney general, and members of the General Assembly, shall be *ex officio* visitors of the insane asylum. [*Ratified the 20th day of January, 1855.*]

Who shall be official visitors.

AN ACT FOR COMPLETING, FURNISHING, AND ENCLOSING THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE LUNATIC ASYLUM. *Chap. 3.*

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That in order to complete, furnish and temporarily enclose the buildings and grounds of the lunatic asylum, the public treasurer be authorised to dispose of the bonds of the State, at par value, to the amount of eighty thousand dollars; said bonds to bear legal interest, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January and July, and redeemable in ten years.

\$80,000 appropriated to complete buildings, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the interest accruing upon said bonds, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the annual tax now levied for the erection of the lunatic asylum, or out of any money in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided however,* If any money be supplied, other than the proceeds of such tax, the same shall be replaced by that tax.

Int. to be paid out of annual tax.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the public treasurer of the State is hereby authorised to pay to the commissioners of said asylum, upon warrants for the same, such sums, from time to time during the current year, as the commissioners may require for said purposes: *Provided,* The aggregate amount of such sums shall not exceed the sum of eighty thousand dollars.

Treasurer to pay to commissioners.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the tax now levied on land and polls for the asylum, shall be faithfully applied to the support of the institution, and the payment of the interest of the said bonds till they become due; and the surplus of such tax shall be invested in State stock, as a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of said debt. [*Ratified the 14th day of February, 1855.*]

Tax to be applied and surplus invested.